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Title : Need to enact a law providing statutory basis to the extant policy of reservations to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for its effective implementation.

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE (PANDHARPUR): At present the Policy of Reservations is governed by Executive Instructions issued by 'DoPT from time to time. As this arrangement has not proved effective, it is felt that a law should be enacted for giving statutory basis to this policy with a provision for punitive action against persons/authorities responsible for its non-implementation. This law should be kept in the IX Schedule to the Constitution.

Representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes should be strictly as per the percentage of their population in the Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha, services educational institutions and all other organizations, corporations etc.

Representation of SCs and STs should be provided in the Rajya Sabha and Vidhan Parishads in the States. The reservation should be strictly in proportion to the population.

Urgent action should be taken for effective implementation of Land Reforms Act and distribution of surplus land among SCs and STs.

In the Scheduled Areas implementation of land transfer regulations should be made more effective and where tribal lands have been transferred unauthorisedly immediate action should be taken to restore the lands to their owners.

The interest of the landless workers should be protected and they should be facilitated to form associations to fight for their just causes.

It is requested that necessary action may kindly be taken in this regard immediately.

12.30 hrs.

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